

4.(amended) The air bag apparatus according to  
claim 1, wherein said protrusion section is  
pushed into the inner space of said main section  
[initially] <sup>NA</sup> prior to expansion.

5.(amended) The air bag apparatus according to  
claim 1, wherein said protrusion section is  
pushed into the inner space of said main section  
[initially] <sup>NA</sup> prior to expansion such that said  
5 protrusion section is turned inside out.

9.(amended) The air bag apparatus according to  
claim 8, wherein said predetermined portion is  
shaped as a curved line.

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10.(amended)The air bag apparatus according to  
claim 8, wherein said predetermined portion is  
shaped as a circle.

11.(amended)The air bag apparatus according to  
claim 8, wherein said predetermined portion is  
shaped as a semicircle.

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12.(amended)The air bag apparatus according to  
claim 7, wherein said predetermined portion [is  
provided to] determines an expansion direction of

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said air bag during an expanding process.

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16. (amended) The air bag apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said predetermined portion is shaped as a curved line.

17. (amended) The air bag apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said predetermined portion is shaped as a circle.

18. (amended) The air bag apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said predetermined portion is shaped as a semicircle.

19. (amended) The air bag apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said predetermined portion [is provided to] determines an expansion direction of said air bag during an expanding process.

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22. (amended) The air bag according to claim 20, wherein said protrusion section has said at least one opening in a portion connected with said main section.

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23. (amended) The air bag according to claim 20, wherein said protrusion section is pushed into the inner space of said main section [initially]

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prior to expansion.

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24. (amended) The air bag according to claim 20, wherein said protrusion section is pushed into the inner space of said main section [initially] prior to expansion such that said protrusion

5 section is turned inside out.

25. (amended) An air bag used for an air bag apparatus for side crash, comprising first and second side panels,

10 wherein said first and second side panels are sewed in a limb portion such that outer surfaces of said first and second side panels are joined to each other, and

wherein said air bag further comprises at  
15 least one partition provided in an inner space of said air bag, said air bag [which] is folded initially, and expands with gas supplied from an inflater.

27. (amended) The air bag apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said predetermined portion is shaped as a curved line.

28. (amended) The air bag apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said predetermined portion is

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shaped as a circle.

29. (amended) The air bag apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said predetermined portion is shaped as a semicircle.

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